

OLDTIME MUSIC MAKERS REVIVE TUNES OF PAST

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ing, round pedestals on either side for known lamp to be posed upon, and an elaborately carved back fitted with a music rack.

The Martins, themselves, formed a substantial nucleus for these parties, for there were Ed, John, Charles, Lizzie (Mrs. Carey Ramsey), May (Mrs. Henry An-

EDITOR'S NOTE

This is the fourth of a series of articles by Doris Palmer Payne, well-known local writer and historian, on materials to be found in the Klamath country which would be qualified for placement in a museum such as is of public interest here at this time.

erson) and Maud (Mrs. Ermy Housley). Others who could be counted upon to be there were the Lee girls, Louise and Agnes (Mrs. A. J. Voss and Mrs. Fred Schallrock), Floyd Dargatz, Fred and Will Houston, Charlie Roberts, Rob and Herb Baldwin, George Biehn and his sister Louise (Mrs. George Humphrey), George, Will and Charles Humphrey and their sister "Doll" (Mrs. Nellie Langer)—to mention only a few.

The organ has been in the family for at least 50 years and is still doing service in St. Paul's Episcopal church in accordance with Mrs. Martin's wish, expressed before she died in 1936.

Organs Brought By Wagon Two other good organs that played a large part in the leisure time enjoyment of early families

were owned by Mrs. Francis Olds and Mrs. Dick Hammond. Mrs. Olds recalls the thrill she had as a girl when she received an organ as a gift from a distant relative.

This man had a store in Salem where he handled organs, pianos and sewing machines. At about the turn of the century, he brought a large stock of his goods to Klamath Falls by wagon freight to sell. He disposed of all but one of the organs, and rather than pay the high freight rate necessary to take it back with him, he gave it to her. A few years ago it was sold to the Seventh Day Adventist church, where it is still in use.

The other organ was bought by Frances Moore (sister of Rufus Moore and later Mrs. Dick Hammond) when she was teaching school before her marriage. Its gleaming, beautifully grained walnut finish is now dimmed by dust in a warehouse at River-side and Main streets. Yet in spite of its long idleness, those fascinating stops labeled Diapason, Dulciana, Cremona, Celeste, etc., still invite one to finger its keys and hear what manner of music would come forth.

Mechanical Mouth Organ Reed organs were quite the rage during the gay nineties and even before—but who ever heard of a "Celestina" or "Mechanical Quintette"? Probably very few, but the Housleys can boast of having had one in the family for some 40 years.

Made of beautifully grained wood, the shape of the cabinet reminds one of an old fashioned cash register, even to the crank on the side. So remarkable is the resemblance that it is something of a shock to turn the crank, almost expecting a cash drawer to pop out, and instead have the plaintive tones of "Swanee River" come forth!

The principle on which it works is similar to that of a player piano, the notes being produced by means of a slitted paper roll, a pair of bellows and a device on the order of a harmonica.

The names along the sides of the paper indicate many an old time song, a favorite being "She Wore a Wreath of Roses." The instrument is now owned joint-

ly by Tom and Ed Housley, sons of Mrs. Maud Housley of 623 High street.

Operatic Numbers in Music Box Still a rather unique instrument, unique in this day and age, is one highly prized by A. M. Worden of 404 Washington street. It is a music box known to be over three-quarters of a century old. Encased in inlaid walnut, it tinkles merrily away, making the rounds of 12 tunes, three of which are operatic numbers. Their names are hand-lettered in old English script on a picture-bordered sheet of paper pasted on the inside of the lid.

The notes are produced by a revolving brass cylinder covered with tiny needle-point "bristles" which come into contact with the fine tips of metal projections like the teeth of a silver comb. A lever arrangement at one side is pulled back and forth to start it in operation and one may "watch the wheels go round" through the glass covering which protects its inner workings.

Linkville Fiddle Still Played No array of pioneer instruments would be complete without the "good old fiddle," and Norman Gage of 1133 Walnut street has one that was bought in Linkville in 1880.

Mrs. Albert Laurents presented it at that time to her husband, who was the original homesteader of the 160 acres on which Harriman lodge now sits.

For years Laurents fiddled for country dances when the homesteaders got together and was very proud of the "Antonius Stradivarius Cremonensis" label the violin bore. Gage's mother, the late Mary Gage, was Mrs. Laurents' cousin and was a no mean fiddler herself. Gage relates that a short time before Laurents died, he called Mrs. Gage to him and said, "You've always loved this old violin of mine, Molly, and when I'm finished with it, I want you to have it."

Mrs. Gage always carried the violin with her wherever she went and both she and Norman have played it through the years in towns up and down the coast from here to Tlajana. They both used it in the "Old Time Fiddlers' Contest" at the Pelican theatre in 1928 and Gage still tunes it up every Friday night to play for old time dances at Pelican City Inn.

DEBATE OPENS ON RECIPROCAL TRADE

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time that system for another three years. The program will expire June 12, unless renewed. House democratic leaders said there was no doubt that the house would approve the renewal when the roll is called toward the end of this week.

The house passed and sent to the senate today a bill permitting new presidents to pass on the fiscal budget for the first year of their terms. The measure specifies that in inauguration years when presidents do not succeed themselves, the budget shall not be submitted until January 21—the day after inauguration—or not later than February 20. Under the present law, budgets must be submitted January 3 in all years.

If trouble occurs suddenly in an engine, it is not likely to be the carburetor, since changes in the fuel-mixing unit take place very slowly.

DEFENSE QUIET ON RED DRIVE OVER ISTHMUS

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Both of them were reported from fronts farther north. Today's communique, reporting that 20 Russian planes had been shot down, said soviet attacks along the bitterly contested Isthmus front had been thrown back from the Finns' "new positions."

This apparently referred to fresh positions taken up after Russian penetrations into the band of fortifications which form the Mannerheim line.

Russia's losses there were equal to "about the strength of a battalion"—approximately 1000 men—the Finns declared, adding that six tanks had been captured in the bitter fighting.

Russian bombers raided Vilpuri, Lappeenranta, and Kouvola during a day in which the Finns saw greater aerial activity than on any previous day.

Farther away from the battle zone the Kotka, Kouvola, Iisalmi and Porvoo districts also were raided and a number of civilians wounded.

The Finnish air force carried out scouting and bombing flights over the battlefields and the enemy's rear, resulting in "numerous air battles attended with success for us," the Finns said.

MOSCOW, Feb. 19 (AP)—Red army troops hammered today almost at the doors of Vilpuri, Finland's second largest city, after isolating Fort Kouvola, western anchor of the Mannerheim line, a soviet communique said. Vilpuri, center of Karelia Christianity for 700 years, a prime objective of Russian troops since the start of the war, appeared hard pressed as the soviet reported capture of Johannes, Maksahti and Somme on the Finnish coastal railway.

Somme is only about six miles from Vilpuri, and a Russian communique Saturday reported the red army had reached a point about four miles from Vilpuri in another sector to the east.

CIO-AFL DISPUTE EXPLAINED AT MEET

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unions and set up dual organizations, such as the International Woodworkers of America and the Longshoremen. If these groups were now taken into the AFL and chartered, there would be two groups within the AFL fighting the same old battle for jurisdiction.

Another of the Lewis suggestions was that he and William Green, president of the AFL, would both step down. Green, Campbell said, holds no other office in the labor movement than president of the AFL. If he steps down he steps out of the American labor movement. Lewis, on the other hand, heads the United Mine Workers, the strongest CIO union, and would continue in that capacity after stepping out as head of the CIO.

The latest proposal—that a convention be held with delegates from both sides to form a joint organization—doesn't get rid of the jurisdictional dispute and cannot be accepted, Campbell said. The AFL, the speaker asserted, has a committee ready and is willing to consider any fair proposal for labor peace.

At their closing session Sunday the carpenters chose Portland for their 1941 convention, to be held on April 20-21 of that year. They re-elected C. D. Long of Klamath Falls as president of the state council. Other officers for the new year are Carl Hanson, Marshfield, vice president; L. W. Crone, Seaside, executive secretary; H. Schmuck of Portland, C. L. Williams of Seaside, L. O. Swanger of Eugene, Carl Hanson of Marshfield, Earl Godding of Klamath Falls, Joe L. Ross of Bend and Tom Hodgson of Pendleton, directors.

M. A. Hutcheson, general vice president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, installed the officers.

Among the resolutions passed at the Sunday convention was one touching on wages and hours in sawmills producing millwork in competition with cabinet millwork shops. The scale in the latter, it was said, is higher, and the brotherhood was asked to take steps to bring up the scale in the sawmill re-manufacturing plants.

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(at least it was her intention to be soothing): "What would Daddy think of his little girl if he could see her now?" Daddy's little girl made what in certain circles is known as a snoot and responded: "Don't care!"

TRAVEL relaxes the tensions and broadens the minds of adults, but about all it does to children is to rasp their tempers to the raw.

OVER the bay in the early morning in one of the old ferries that are so rapidly becoming extinct. The sun, climbing over the Berkeley hills, picks out the high buildings on the city's skyline, and creeps gradually down to the tall structures in the financial district; spots the houses in distant Sausalito and lays a brightening finger on grim Alcatraz.

A slim, gray destroyer swings at her anchor. Tugboats chortle past. Hungry gulls circle and squall overhead.

The big bridges are awe-inspiring and grand and they're unbelievably swell for the people who have to cross every day (al-ways in a hurry), but the old bay ferries still has a charm of its own.

KLAMATH GETS SPOT IN SUPER HIGHWAY BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Super highways criss-crossing the nation — with renewed emphasis on their possible use in national defense plans — have become a subject for congressional discussion again.

Representative Snyder (D-Pa.), dropped his highway bill into the house hopper again — then immediately obtained house agreement that he should be permitted to discuss the plan on the house floor next week.

Presentation of Snyder's bill (HR 502) completed the list of such measures pending before several recent sessions of congress. Representative Randolph (D-W. Va.), previously had introduced his trio of highway bills (HR 116, 115 and 2754).

All of the measures contemplate construction of north-south and east-west highways on which cars could travel at unlimited speeds. Each would have wide lanes, would eliminate intersections and skirt towns and cities to avoid "local traffic."

As specified in the bill, they would include: San Diego, Calif., through Los Angeles, Calif., Bakersfield, Calif., Sacramento, Calif., and Klamath Falls, Ore., to Seattle.

HEART ATTACK ASTORIA, Feb. 19 (AP)—John Stangland, Astoria Transit company bus driver, died of a heart attack at the wheel Saturday. The quick action of an unidentified passenger prevented the vehicle from plunging over a 12-foot embankment.

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LEAGUE APPEAL MAY BE MADE OVER ALTMARK

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mark was armed with two pom-poms and four machine-guns, but Germany insists she was unarmed. Koht denied Norway knew British prisoners were aboard or that the prison ship had called at a Norwegian port prior to her encounter with the British destroyer Cosack.

Koht declared the vessel had the right to navigate in Norwegian waters regardless of whether she carried prisoners.

GESJINGFJORD, Norway, Feb. 19 (AP)—Whether the German prison ship Altmarm may become a prisoner herself apparently depends upon Norway's answer to one question:

Was she armed?

Great Britain has demanded internment of the ship from which a British destroyer freed some 300 British merchant seamen Friday in Norwegian waters.

Germany has protested and is expected to ask the Altmarm's return.

And Norway, unwilling center of the diplomatic tug-of-war over a maze of legal technicalities which imperils her neutrality, must decide.

So far, she has not confirmed the German contention that the Altmarm was unarmed, or Britain's that she mounted two pom-poms (multi-barreled anti-aircraft guns) and four machine-guns.

The Altmarm, meanwhile, lay aground here so close to shore today that sightseers could see blood staining the ice of the fjord, memento of the brief battle when the British destroyer Cosack maneuvered the Altmarm into shallow water and sent a raiding party aboard to rescue the prisoners.

IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD REQUESTED

A petition for the widening, straightening and general improvement of a section of the old Linkville-Port Klamath road near Modoc Point was sent to the county court Monday. There were 23 signers.

The section of road is located near the old Indian day school. May 1 has been set as the formal date for filing of the petition.

WINDOWS BROKEN AT COPCO WATER PUMPING PLANT

A warning that window breaking at Copco's power and pump house on Conger avenue may have serious results was issued by the city police Monday.

Police were informed that 41 windows have been broken. Three were broken Saturday, probably by a group of young boys seen loitering in that neighborhood.

Police said that rocks thrown into the building might put the plant out of commission.

REPUBLICANS LIST 11 ITEMS FOR TENTATIVE PLANKS

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outlined these general principles: 1. The United States should keep out of war through a "tight rein on our emotions" and "scrupulous neutrality."

2. Defense forces should be sufficient to protect the western hemisphere from aggression.

3. Reciprocal trade agreements should be approved by both houses of congress. (Republican congressmen are seeking to require only senate ratification).

4. The national labor relations act should be amended and the administrative and judicial functions of the labor board separated.

5. The farm program should try to increase interchange of farm and city goods by better correlation of prices.

6. Private enterprise should be encouraged by "protective" rather than "restrictive" government regulation of business.

7. A 20 per cent reduction in federal spending "should not be too difficult," and coupled with a higher national income, should bring a balanced budget in 1942.

8. Higher surtax rates on individual incomes should be cut; certain business levies should be abolished; future federal and state bonds should be taxed.

9. The president's emergency monetary powers should be repealed; the gold standard should be restored.

10. All in need should receive adequate relief, administered by the local governments through federal grants-in-aid.

11. Social security legislation should be studied with a view to expansion and better administration.

POTATOES

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19 (AP-USA) Potatoes: 6 cars Oregon, 1 Idaho, 4 California arrived; 18 unbroken, 17 broken cars on track; market steady; Oregon Klamath district Russets

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NAZIS SINK SIXTH BRITISH DESTROYER

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could attain the exceptional speed of 33.2 knots.

Among those lost was her master, Commander S. A. Cooper. An unofficial tabulation of British naval men lost during the war listed 2271, including the Daring's 157, as killed and 694 as missing.

The German high command communique in Berlin reported the sinking of a destroyer and an undisclosed number of convoyed merchant steamers and tankers "in various sea areas" yesterday.

It said the merchantmen were in three convoys, and the destroyer was part of naval forces guarding a fourth.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Rose V. Carter, Deceased, by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Klamath County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said Estate are notified to present the same to me with proper vouchers at the office of Wm. Kuykendall, Room 16, Loomis Building, Klamath Falls, Oregon, within six months from February 5th, 1940.

(Signed) JAMES HARDIN CARTER, Executor. F 5-12-19-26. No. 24

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